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SUBJ: LEFTIST PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS

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1. IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT THE SIX LEFTIST PARTIES HAVE FAILED TO
AGREE ON A UNIFIED BOYCOTT AND THAT MOST IF NOT ALL WILL TAKE
PART IN ELECTIONS.

2. SPOKESMAN FOR LEONIDAS RODRIGUEZ' PSR SAID ON JUNE 14 TELE-
VISION PROGRAM THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF PSR, UDP, FOCEP, ARS AND
PDC HAD DISCUSSED A BOYCOTT BUT FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT. PSR
SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED HIS PARTY'S PARTICIPATIONS IN ELECTIONS.
ALSO ON JUNE 14 POLITICAL TV SPOT, REPRESENTATIVES OF GENARO
LEDESMA'S FOCEP REAFFIRMED THEIR PARTY'S PARTICIPATION IN
ELECTIONS AND URGED WORKERS NOT TO CAST BLANK OR SPOILED PROTEST
VOTES WHICH WOULD ONLY FAVOR OTHER RIGHTIST PARTIES. THE TELE-
VISED PRESENTATION OF PDC LEADER HECTOR CORNEJO CHAVEZ ON JUNE 14
WAS BASED ON THE UNSPOKEN ASSUMPTION THAT PDC WOULD NOT WITHDRAW
AND PRESS CARRIED PDC COMMUNIQUE REAFFIRMING ITS PARTICIPATION.
WE HAVE SEEN NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT EITHER FAR-LEFT UDP OR ARS
(EX-ACCION POPULAR SOCIALISTA) HAS FORMALLY WITHDRAWN FROM THE
RACE, ALTHOUGH NEITHER PARTY IS EXPECTED TO DO WELL IN THE
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ELECTIONS. FOCEP SAYS IT WILL HOLD A JOINT RALLY IN LIMA WITH
UDP JUNE 16 (IF IT GETS GOP PERMISSION) AND ONE ARS REPRESENTATIVE
TOLD PRESS VOTERS SHOULD SUPPORT "POOR" PARTIES SUCH AS HIS.

3. AS TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY, JUNE 15 PRESS CARRIES ONE-THIRD-
PAGE ADS ANNOUNCING A PCP RALLY SAME EVENING IN LIMA'S PLAZA SAN
MARTIN, AT WHICH PCP HEAD JORGE DEL PRADO AND THE LEADER OF

COMMUNIST-AFFILIATED CGTP, ISIDORO GAMARRA, WILL SPEAK. PARTY
WORKERS ARE ACTIVELY BEATING THE DRUMS TODAY IN DOWNTOWN LIMA FOR
TONIGHT'S RALLY. PARTY NEWSPAPER "UNIDAD" (FIRST OF THE INDEPEN-
DENT PUBLICATIONS TO REAPPEAR) CARRIES JUNE 14 PCP DECLARATION
JUSTIFYING "UNEQUIVOCAL DECISION" TO GO TO ELECTIONS.
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